

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 3-16 with the following paragraph.

C' The 911 and PER.C6 produced rAdV stocks were screened for the presence of recombinant-competent adenovirus by performing PCR analysis with primers derived from the Ad5 ITR region (5'-GGGTGGAGTTTGTGACGTG-3') SEQ ID NO:1 and the E1A encoding region (5'-TCGTGAAGGGTAGGTGGTTC-3') SEQ ID NO:2 as described by Noteborn and De Boer (1995) using a Perkin Elmer PCR apparatus. The presence of a 600-bp amplified fragment indicates that replication-competent (El-region containing) adenovirus exists in the analyzed virus stock (Hoebe, unpublished results) or by infecting HepG2 cells with rAdV batch. During a period of at least 10 days, the cells were monitored for potential cytopathogenic effects and by indirect immunofluorescence using a specific monoclonal antiserum directed against E1A protein.